Secunderabad to Guntabai and also to lay another parallel broad guage line on the route; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The work and conversion of MG to BG of Bolaram–Secunderabad–Dronachellam and Guntur–Guntakal–Kalluru which includes Secunderabad to Guntakal has been proposed in the Budget for 1992–93 at a cost of Rs. 451.40 crores.

[*Translation*]

Modernisation of Stations in Agra

2248. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for modernisation and beautification of various railway stations of Western Railway and Central Railway in Agra in view of its being the international tourist centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modernisation of Railway Stations in Agra have already been taken up to suit the passenger needs including tourism requirements. Agra Fort is one of the stations selected to be developed as Model Station at an estimated cost of Rs. 68.84 lac. Works in this regard are expected to be completed by 1992. At Agra Cantt. and Raja–ki–Mandi also various additional amenities have been provided. More facilities will also be considered when so warranted by growth in passenger traffic.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Contract System in F.C.I.

2249. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract system continues in Depots of the Food Corporation of India where work for more than 240 days in a year exist;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The following criteria have been adopted for the abolition of contract labour in FCI's depots:–

(1) Depots where 20 or more workers per day were engaged.

(2) Depots where the duration of work was 240 days or more in a calendar year for the past three years.

Based on the above criteria, the Ministry of Labour has issued notifications under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 abolishing contract labour in most of the depots of FCI. In respect of the

remaining few depots, a view is in the process of being taken by that Ministry

Payment of Productivity Bonus in F C.I.

2250 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the productivity linked bonus has been paid over and above the exgratia bonus to staff in the Food Corporation of India,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) whether handling workers have not been paid Productivity Linked Bonus,

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the corrective measures proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) No, Sir The Corporation has paid only an advance against Productivity Linked Incentive (PLI) in anticipation of the Governments approval to its proposal for payment of PLI over and above ex–gratia to its employees

(c) The advance against PLI has also been paid to departmental handling labourers/workers

(d) and (e) Do not arise

Extension of Nagpur–Gondia local Train upto Dongargad

2251 SHRI RAM NAIK Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the Nagpur Gondia local train upto Dongargad, and

(b) if so, when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

UGC Grants to Universities in Bihar

2252 SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPEMNT be pleased to state

(a) the grants–in–aid sanctioned and released, to the universities in Bihar by the University Grants Commission Separately during the last three years, year–wise, and

(b) the reasons for the difference between allocation and release?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) and (b) UGC do not sanction grants to Universities on a year to year basis, but for a five year plan The details of the grants sanctioned and released by UGC to the Universities in Bihar during the 7th Plan are as follows –

Rupees in lakhs

University	*Grants sanctioned*	*Grants released*
Patna	180 50	89 45